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ON THE EVE OF A CRISIS.

The long-expected and much-talked-of reply of Lord Salisbury to Secretary of State Olney has been received by the British ambassador, Sir Julian Pauncefote, at Washington, and by him delivered to Mr. Olney. In the meantime the contents of Lord Salisbury's note are kept secret, awaiting the return of President Cleveland from his hunting trip, and, even after his return from the North Carolina sounds, it is not expected that any information will be given to the public until the document shall have been presented to Congress. However, be the purport of the British premier's reply what it may, the President does not seem as anxious to learn what has been written as he is to shoot a few ducks.

While no official intimation has been given the American public as to the contents of Lord Salisbury's communication, enough has been revealed of its nature to lead to the assurance that the United States Government has been politely informed that Great Britain's dispute with Venezuela is a matter which does not concern any nation except the two immediately interested. In other words, England will adhere to her refusal to arbitrate concerning any of the territory within the Schomburg line, and if the United States is not satisfied with this decision it will have to help itself as best it can.

This being the situation, it is easy to see that we are nearing a crisis that may bring two of the greatest nations in the world into a long and bloody conflict, which may eventually involve all the republics of the American continent on the side of the United States, and one or more European powers on the side of England. What such a war might end in is a matter of conjecture only. Once get the people of the United States thoroughly aroused, the conquest of Canada might be attempted and even accomplished. Already twice within the history of this country has such an effort been made. Even before their own independence had been secured, the colonies in the beginning of the Revolutionary war aimed at the acquisition of Canada, and almost succeeded. In the war of 1812 the Dominion was again invaded, and if such was the dream of the people then, there is no reason to doubt, with the great increase in their power and resources, that they still indulge in imperial ideas, and only await the opportunity for carrying them into effect.

Such a war could not fail to draw all the American republics into a bond of the closest sympathy, and might result in the forming of a confederation that would be the grandest and greatest the world has ever seen, with the realization of the life dream of Mr. Blaine. Many statesmen of this country have held to the idea that its "manifest destiny" is the gradual absorption under one government of all of North and South America and the adjoining islands. Ordinarily this would be the work of centuries; but, as in the case of the abolition of slavery and the settlement of secession, a great and general war might, in a few years, accomplish what may now seem a wild and chimerical fancy.

Left to themselves and the slow processes of education and assimilation, the people of the United States would, indeed, be a long time acquiring control of this continent; but the sword will cut the most intricate knots of tradition, prejudice and policy, and bring harmony and peace out of the most discordant elements. Such has been the experience of history, and, as history is ever repeating itself, Great Britain, in refusing to recognize the principles of the Monroe doctrine, may, like the leaders of secession in the South, bring about a result which she is now ready to oppose with all her energies and resources.

The people of Manitoba are much exercised on the question of special support to the Catholic schools. Premier Bowell, of the Dominion, for political purposes, wants the province to maintain from the public treasury separate schools for Catholics, as is done in Quebec and Ontario and in the north-west territories; but Mr. Greenway, prime minister of Manitoba, refuses to consider the proposition, and insists that only its secularized school system shall be supported as is now the case. The Catholics are said to number about one in seven of the population of Manitoba and the feeling there is strong in

favor of undenominational schools. The question of provincial rights is thus raised, just as the question of States rights would be raised here if the administration at Washington should direct any individual commonwealth to change its school laws. The command of the Dominion privy council can only be enforced by legislative action in Manitoba, which that province refuses persistently to take.

THE drain on the Treasury reserve continues and unless some means for the relief of the Treasury is speedily devised by Congress, President Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle will again put another batch of American bonds for sale upon the European market. The situation, as shown by advices from Washington, is serious, and it is the duty of our law makers to put aside party for the once and do what they can for the country.

SENATOR DON CAMERON, of Pennsylvania, has announced formally that he will not be a candidate under any circumstances for re-election. This gives Senator Quay a chance to secure such a colleague as he desires, as he is virtually master of Pennsylvania politics.

GREATEST OF AUCTION SALES.

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad to be sold.

TOPEKA, Kan. Dec. 9.—At 10 o'clock to-morrow morning at Topeka will occur the greatest auction the world has ever known. At that hour J. B. Johnson, special master in chancery, will offer to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, the entire system of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railway. Nothing will be reserved of its 10,000 miles of track, its 2,000 locomotives, its thousands upon thousands of cars, its buildings, rights and franchises, which together reach the imperial value of \$350,000,000.

Special Master Johnson will act as auctioneer, and as a preliminary to receiving bids, he will read the order of the sale judgment of certificates and other documents, which will consume something more than an hour. No one will be allowed to bid unless he has first deposited \$500,000 in cash as an evidence of good faith.

Judge Henry C. Caldwell will come to Topeka for the purpose of confirming this sale.

Italians Defeated in Africa

ROME, Dec. 9.—News was received here to-day from General Baratieri, the commander of Italian troops in Abyssinia, announcing what appears to be a serious disaster to the Italian force operating against King Menelik. He cabled that the king's army, numbering about 20,000 men, surprised and surrounded yesterday five companies of Italian troops under Major Toselli, at Ambalagi. Another body of Italian troops under the command of General Arimondi advanced to the support of Major Toselli; but they were stopped by the enemy. A severe battle was subsequently fought and the result was not made known here. The official dispatches say that the losses were heavy. King Menelik to-night conferred with Premier Crispien upon the situation, the premier being indisposed and confined to his room. The cabinet council has decided to give General Baratieri the necessary means to crush the Abyssinians.

Pneumatic Gun Tests Satisfactory.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 9.—The three days' tests of the pneumatic guns recently begun at the Presidio Reservation were concluded to-day. The board of military examiners expressed their satisfaction with their test of the guns, which reached the requirements in every respect. The guns were tested for capacity, rapidity and distance. Four rounds of shells, each containing one hundred pounds of dynamite, were thrown 5,000 yards, and five rounds of projectiles, each weighing 1,140 pounds, were loaded and fired in eight minutes twenty-three seconds.

Big Sympathetic Strikes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Sympathetic strikes in aid of the House Smiths' and Bridgemen's Union in its contest with the Iron League were ended to-day which took out about 4,500 men employed by the Jackson Artistic Company, sub-contractors of J. B. and J. M. Cornell. The buildings involved include the Lexington avenue cable railway power house on Twenty-fourth street. The principal trades affected are plasterers, elevator constructors, printers, carpenters, electrical wire men, marble cutters, derrick men, stone cutters, cement workers and laborers.

Michigan Day at Atlanta.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 9.—Michigan day at the Exposition was cloudy and threatening. The main delegation from the Peninsular State reached the city at an early hour. They were warmly welcomed by the president of the Exposition and the mayor of Atlanta. President Flower, of the Detroit Manufacturing Club, responded.

Verdict on the Viaduct Disaster.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 9.—The coroner rendered his verdict on the central viaduct disaster to-day. He fails to find sufficient evidence of an act committed or omitted on the part of any person to warrant him in holding anyone criminally liable for the accident.

Seven Men Drowned.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 9.—By the sinking of the tug Pearl B. Campbell, off Huron Isle in Lake Superior, Saturday night, seven men, all of whom but one lived in this city, were drowned.

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SALEM NEWS

Miss Minnie Thomason, daughter of J. S. Thomason, is very sick at her home in West Salem.

A business meeting of the Epworth League of the M. E. Church was held last night, at which the usual monthly business was transacted.

Rev. W. H. Watkins, of Giles county, passed through town yesterday on his way to Kittinger's chapel, where he will hold a series of meetings this week. A. N. Fisher, of Salem, will assist him in the music.

Rev. J. Luther Franz, pastor of St. Luke's Evangelical Church, Baltimore, is expected home to-day on a ten days' visit to his parents and friends.

Adrian Riddick went to Richmond yesterday.

Miss Mollie Logan, who has been visiting friends in Richmond, has returned.

A special car from Roanoke yesterday evening brought up the Salem chickens which had been on exhibition at the poultry show. The show was not a success from a financial standpoint, though the exhibits were the best ever seen in this part of the State.

The managers are not at all pleased with the reception accorded the show while in Roanoke and it will likely be several years before the Magic City will again have the pleasure of entertaining the feathered tribe. Lynchburg will probably be next visited unless the association decides to bring it back to Salem. In the latter event it will be given the hearty welcome which has greeted it in former years.

Justice Camper issued a warrant yesterday for the arrest of M. Dangerfield on the charge of carrying concealed weapons.

The December number of the Roanoke Collegian was issued Saturday from the press of the Sentinel Publishing Company.

Dr. W. R. Reynolds is improving, and will likely be out in a day or so.

Mrs. John McConkey has about recovered from a threatened attack of pneumonia.

The ticket for the annual celebration of the Ciceroonian Literary Society of Roanoke College, to be held February 22, is as follows: H. B. Hanger, president; S. C. Coffman, first orator; J. L. Rosser and W. G. Shenk, debaters, and Victor McCauley, final orator. The ticket for the Demosthenean celebration to be held January 19, is as follows: J. A. Duke, president; B. P. Smith, first orator; R. M. Hudson, affirmative debater; W. R. Whitman, negative debater; A. H. Throckmorton, final orator.

There was no preaching in Salem Sunday night, something that has not happened for many years. Dr. Taylor, of the Baptist Church, preached in Baltimore; Rev. C. A. Miller, of the Lutheran Church, was in Bluefield, assisting in a protracted meeting there; Rev. E. W. Hubert, of the Episcopal Church, addressed the young ladies at Hollins that evening, and Rev. Kennedy, of the Methodist Church, was sick.

Col. R. H. Logan left for Richmond yesterday, where he will do some lobbying in behalf of Judge Woods, of Roanoke, for the city judgeship.

C. C. Neils, of Roanoke, was in town yesterday.

Napoleon's Grand Army.

In order to apprehend Napoleon's supernatural greatness it is essential at this period of his life to shut out of view the man and politician and fix the eye again on the general; to see him, moreover, solely as a strategist. It may be said that he was for the first and last time unimpaired. His political independence and personal popularity were alike secure. His army was the best in Europe, composed of young and well drilled conscripts, who had been 18 months under arms, with a large nucleus of trained veterans. Of the generals who commanded the seven corps destined for Germany only two, Augereau and Bernadotte, were over 40 years of age. The emperor himself, Soult, Lannes and Ney were 36, Davout was 35 and Marmont only 31. Of the division commanders one-half were between 30 and 40, while only a single one was 50. Not one of these men was commonplace. They knew their profession and had practiced it with success; they were without an exception self reliant and enterprising, familiar with their leader's methods and requirements.—Professor W. M. Sloane's "Life of Napoleon" in Century.

A Useful Jest.

Youngster (at the theater)—What beautiful heads of hair these ladies in front have!

Oldster—If the lady whose switch has dropped off—

All six of the ladies bring their hands to the back of their heads spasmodically, and Oldster grins and chuckles as though he had done a bright thing.—Boston Transcript.

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CONCERNING THE Y. M. C. A.

Sunday's Meeting—Election of Officers of the Woman's Auxiliary.

The men's meeting in Y. M. C. A. hall Sunday afternoon was a remarkable one, both in point of attendance and interest manifested by those present. The address by Rev. Mr. Miller, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, was brief and to the point. Three young men expressed their desire to become Christians.

The opening of the gymnasium classes this evening will be an interesting event. The business men's class will begin promptly at 5:30 o'clock and the young men's class at 8 o'clock. All members desiring to secure the benefits of these classes are urged to be on the gymnasium floor on time.

Don't forget the Quaker evangelist, John M. Deans, is coming to hold meetings under the auspices of the association December 26.

There was a good attendance at the special meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary yesterday afternoon. Five denominations were represented. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. J. B. Stephenson; vice-president, Mrs. J. G. Bringham; secretary, Miss Georgie Barnett; treasurer, Mrs. W. C. Burns; chairman music committee, Mrs. J. E. Porter. The time of the regular monthly meeting was changed from the first Monday to the first Wednesday of each month at 3 p. m.

A meeting of the finance committee was held yesterday evening. All members of the committee were present.

Bible class No. 2 now has nine applicants. Those wishing to join should do so at once.

Masonic Grand Officers.

The Grand Lodge of Masons of Virginia, recently in session in Richmond, elected the following officers for the ensuing term: J. P. Fitzgerald, of Farmville, grand master; A. R. Courtney, of Richmond, deputy grand master; R. T. W. Duke, of Charlottesville, grand senior warden; G. W. Wright, of Washington county, grand junior warden; F. W. Pleasant, of Richmond, grand treasurer; G. W. Carrington, of Campbell county, grand secretary; H. O. Kerns, of Satorrhins, Halifax county, grand senior deacon; Edward N. Eubank, of Newport News, grand junior deacon.

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